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CARJACKER RECEIVES CONSECUTIVE LIFE SENTENCES

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PROSECUTION

Mobile, Ala. -Sebastian Dubose was sentenced to two consecutive life terms for the March 10, 2005, carjacking that resulted in the shooting death of Michael Rodgers and the wounding of his mother Lois Rodgers. A jury found Dubose and his co-defendant Alexander Bohannon guilty of carjacking and discharging a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. In sentencing Dubose to the consecutive life terms, United States District Court Judge William H. Steele told the defendant that his actions showed "a total and absolute disregard for human life."

U.S. Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes noted that "this conviction is the result of a strong partnership between federal and local law enforcement in Mobile. These life sentences put others on notice that there is a high price to be paid by those who commit violent gun crimes".

During the June trial the jury heard testimony from witnesses that the victim, Michael Rodgers was sitting in his car talking on his cell phone outside his mother's home when he was approached by Bohannon who was armed with a gun. The person on the other end of the phone heard a voice tell Rodgers to "give it up." A struggle ensued between the victim and Bohannon. The victim's mother came out of her house and attempted to help her son. Bohannon called to Dubose who fired two shots killing Michael Rodgers. At that point Bohannon and Dubose got into the victim's car and as they drove away Bohannon fired at the victim's mother wounding her in the arm.

Bohannon's sentencing is scheduled for October 26, 2006. Bohannon has been previously sentenced to life in prison for a prior carjacking.

This case is part of the Project Safe Neighborhood/Alabama I.C.E. (Isolate the Criminal Element) initiative, which is a continuing effort to reduce gun violence and make the community a safer place for all its citizens. The investigation of this case was a cooperative effort between federal and local law enforcement. The combined efforts of the Mobile Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation made possible the successful prosecution by Assistant United States Attorney Gina Vann of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Alabama.